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1. Textile Plant No. 21, located Zawidow, in Lower Silesia, is a member of the nationalized United Woolen Industry, which has its headquarters in Lodz (Q52/093). It produces 400,000 to 500,000 meters of cloth per month, with a wool content varying from thirty to seventy percent. The entire output is shipped to warehouses in Jelenia Gora (Hirschberg) (O52/G68). Plant employees believe that about seventy-five percent of the cloth is sent to the USSR. Because of a shortage of raw material, the plant operates only one shift per day.
2. Plant 21 employs about 680 workers. The managing staff includes (fnu) Bergman, chief manager; (fnu) Stein, technical manager and assistant to Bergman; Henry Stasinski and Wlodzimierz Praski, weaving department managers; and Maria Pyputowa, chief of personnel.
3. Office workers receive 3,500 to 12,000 zloty per month, first category ration card, and one meal per day at the plant. Physical laborers receive the same ration card and meal, but only draw 3,600 to 7,000 zloty as pay. According to plant personnel, most workers draw minimum wages because they cannot produce normal amounts.
4. The food situation for the workers is aggravated by the failure of rationed food to arrive on schedule: the April rations on first category cards were issued in June. Rations include one kg. pork, one kg. lard, seven kgs. bread, one kg. sugar, one kg. smoked herring, two kgs. white flour, and one kg. meal.
5. During July 1947, prices in Zawidow were 80 zl. for 2 kgs. black bread; 450 zl. for one kg. bacon; 380 zl. for one kg. sausage; 450 zl. for one kg. butter; 15,000 zl. for one pair shoes; and 30,000 zl. for boots or a man's suit. The Czechoslovak crown was worth five zl. and the American dollar 300 to 850 zl.

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